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WAR CRISIS!

WHITE ORDERED TO SURRENDER? RUMOR THAT LADYSMITH CAN'T HOLD OUT LONGER

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(Special Cable Despatch to The World.)

LONDON, Jan. 27.—10 P. M.—Up to this hour no confirmation has been obtained of the rumor that Ladysmith's surrender had been decreed by the Cabinet Defense Committee.

The only statement given out by the War Office was at 9.20 P. M., when it was stated that a decision had been arrived at to embody two additional militia battalions and another battery of artillery.

Military experts say it is quite possible Ladysmith has surrendered. An inkling of this would be a basis for the rumors that surrender had been ordered.

No government, however, could hope to survive popular rage if it ordered White to surrender. The most careful inquiry failed to reveal any foundation for the report.

LONDON RUMOR THAT GEN. WHITE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO GIVE UP.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—It is reported at the military clubs and cabled to the Evening World with all reserve that the Cabinet Defense Committee this afternoon decided on the grave step of authorizing Gen. White to capitulate at Ladysmith both on the grounds of humanity and as an act of policy to save further drains on Gen. Buller's already demoralized and defeated army.

Gen. White, it is said, heliographed that he could no longer hold the town; that his plight was terrible.

That the British are in desperate straits in Ladysmith is well known. In a letter received by mail in London yesterday and published in The World to-day, Lieut. Winston Churchill, of Pretoria Camp, Natal, under date Dec. 14, writes: "We are going to try to relieve Ladysmith almost immediately, for there is no time to be lost." "Ladysmith has stood two months of siege and bombardment, the food and ammunition stores are dwindling, disease is daily increasing and another month must be the limit of their endurance despite the fact that after the ordinary rations are exhausted determined men will eat horses, rats, beetles and such like odds and ends." "If no help comes Gen. White will have to give up all his ammunition, blow up his heavy guns, burn his wagons and equipment and rally out. Half of his force, in a fierce endeavor to escape southward—perhaps half might succeed in reaching our lines, but the rest, less the killed and wounded, would be sent to occupy the new prisoners' camp at Waterfall, which has already been laid out. Such is the intelligent anticipation of the Boers."

BULLER'S ARMY IN FULL RETREAT? DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN SESSION.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The only war news to-day of importance, outside the meeting of the Cabinet Defense Committee, was the relief of Mafeking. This

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TIRED OF BEING ROBBED, WEST-SIDE MEN COMPLAIN.

The merchants of the west side have complained to the police of the West-Forest section of the city of the number of burglaries that have been committed in the precinct and have appealed to the Wholesale Dry-Goods Dealers' Association for help in the premises. All of the burglaries have been committed in the same manner by means of entrance to the houses, in the rear and being made in the floors.

STEAMER ANCHORED AND CREATED ALARM

A steamship, supposed to be the Norwegian trader, *Ulla*, anchored about four miles off shore when opposite Deal Beach, N. J., this afternoon. She signalled that she was under control and shortly after proceeded south.

DEAD WITH GAS TURNED ON

Philip Flanagan, forty-two years old, was found dead in his bed at 73 Chatham street today asphyxiated by gas. The police say the man had been drinking and accidentally turned on the gas.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Francis Barnard found his mother, Ann Barnard, sixty-five years old, dead this afternoon in her home at 10 Washington street. The cause of her death is not known. The coroner is investigating the case.

DEAD BABY IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

The body of a newly-born male child was found this afternoon in the vestibule of St. Vincent de Paul Church at 121 West Twenty-third street. The body was taken to the morgue.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS

FOURTH RACE—Barataria 1, Triladitta 2, Dr. Vaughn 3.
FIFTH RACE—Algarona 1, Miss Mae Day 2, San Domingo 3.

MAFEKING IS RELIEVED AFTER LONG STRUGGLE.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Out of the gloom that overshadowed the land a gleam of light came to-day. It was the relief of Mafeking, after a three months' siege. This news was conveyed to the British public in the following special despatch: LORENZO MARQUEZ, Delagoa Bay, Friday, Jan. 26.—It is reported on good Transvaal authority that Mafeking was relieved Tuesday, Jan. 25. Mafeking is 100 miles north of Kimberley, in the gold fields, on the Transvaal borders. At the beginning of the war Col. Baden-Powell, on special service, assumed its defense with about 1,200 regular troops. It was besieged on Oct. 15 by the Boers, whose forces increased soon to 4,000 men. Their bombardment failed, but many

heroic deeds were done on both sides. Powell surrounded his town with trenches, and sent out men at night who swept the Boers at the bayonet point. On the other hand the Boers repulsed the attack on Gannetree Fort, killing and wounding half the 100 men attacking. Col. Pinner, who was stationed at Fort Tuli, in Rhodesia, raised a force of 2,000 irregulars and started weeks ago to relieve Mafeking. At last reports he had reached Mochudi, 100 miles from Mafeking, and had defeated the Boers. On the arrival of Lord Methuen at Mochudi the Boer forces before Mafeking dwindled to about 2,000 men. The War Office has no official reports of the relief of Mafeking. Military experts are inclined to believe it is true.

New York to Cleveland, Three
Packed Trains
Left New York for Cleveland
This Morning at 10:30 A. M.

WARREN SMASHED, BERLIN INSISTS.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—It was said in this city to-day that the officials of the German Foreign Office had received information confirming the report that the division of Gen. Buller's army commanded by Gen. Warren had been crushed by the Boers.

The Evening World learns from London that the War Office there has no news of this, or, if it has, will not give it out. The Berlin despatch, it is reiterated, must be taken with reserve. The Evening World prints it for what it is worth.

LOSS: 17 GUNS AND 2,300 MEN.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Some of the papers here claim to have a telegram from Pretoria saying that Gen. Warren was enticed into Spion Kop, where the Boers fell upon him, that seventeen of his cannons were captured and that Buller's hasty retreat over the Tugela River alone can save him. The alleged Pretoria telegram adds that the British losses were 800 men killed and 1,500 wounded. The despatch comes through Brussels, and does not receive much credit in this city. LONDON, Jan. 27.—No word has been received here bearing out the Berlin reports that Warren lost seventeen guns at Spion Kop. The War Office authorities place no credence in the rumor. A Berlin despatch says advice from Pretoria report a disaster to Gen. Warren. It is reported he lost seventeen cannons at Spion Kop. This despatch also says that Buller must retreat across the Tugela to save his army. No credence is placed in these reports by the London War Office. LONDON, Jan. 27.—1:15 P. M.—The War Office has no news of the catastrophe to Gen. Buller's force reported from Berlin and discredits the story. Neither has the War Office any explanation, at least for publication, of the abandonment of Spion Kop, and there are no advices in this connection from independent sources. The disposition to-day is to regard the evacuation as not so serious as at first thought, and commentators are abusing the military authorities both at the front and at home for publishing hasty accounts of an incomplete, half-understood operation, thus alternately thrilling and depressing the nation. It is known that several despatches have been received from the seat of war, and there is still a fear that had some been suppressed.

WARREN'S LOSS HEAVY.

Buller's Report of Casualties Did Not Include Spion Kop Losses.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The War Office announced that the casualties reported by Gen. Buller yesterday occurred in the battles of Gen. Lytton's brigade, which, so far as known at the War Office, was not engaged in the capture or defense of Spion Kop. It appears, therefore, that they are additional to the considerable number of which Gen. Buller has reported in his despatches to the War Office.

LEYDS SEES VON BULOW.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The North German Gazette this afternoon says that Leyds, the Diplomatic Agent of Transvaal, who has arrived here, was received by Count von Bülow, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Up to this time the only news of the war has been the relief of Mafeking.